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SUBJ: CUBAN EDUCATION MINISTER VISITS FINLAND

1. JOSE FERNANDEZ, CUBAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION SPENT SIX DAYS IN HELSINKI LAST WEEK. THAT HIS VISIT COINCIDED WITH THE HELSINKI SESSIONS OF "COMMISSION OF INQUIRY" ON CRIMES IN CHILE CAN HARDLY HAVE BEEN A COINCIDENCE. FERNANDEZ DID ATTEND AT LEAST ONE SESSION OF THE COMMISSION AS THE GUEST OF HIS HOST, FINNISH EDUCATION MINISTER ULF SUNDQVIST WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CHILEAN CRIMES INQUIRY.

2. FERNANDEZ, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY VICE MINISTERS OF EDUCATION ASELA DE LOS SANTOS AND RENE LEON, RECEIVED THE RED CARPET TREATMENT. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN, PRIME MINISTER SORSA AND FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN IN ADDITION TO FINLAND'S OTHER MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MARJATTA VAANANEN. THERE WAS APPARENTLY LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION DURING FERNANDEZ' STAY WHICH WAS OTHERWISE MARKED BY VISITS IN THE HELSINKI AREA AND TO THE TOWNS OF PORVOO AND KUOPIO. FERNANDEZ ALSO JOINED IN THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE FINNISH-CUBAN UNCLASSIFIED

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